GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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POLICY FOR NATURAL GAS IN POWER, CHEMICAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Linkage Committee under his Ministry has been allotting natural gas on ad hoc basis in the absence of any established guidelines or policy giving every chance for favouritism and nepotism;

(b) whether the Government have finalized any policy for industrial consumers of natural gas in power, chemicals and fertilizers and steel sectors;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which the said policy is likely to be announced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b) The allocations of natural gas is made to various consumers including the Power, Chemicals, Fertilizers and Steel Sectors on the recommendation of an inter-Ministerial Committee - Gas Linkage Committee (GLC), keeping in view the merit of the case and availability of gas. Priority is given to Power and Fertilizers Sectors which have an important role in the economy of the country.

(c)&(d) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.